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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC) - RESOLUTION ON CSCE

1. SUMMARY. DISCUSSION OF ITEM UNDER WHICH SOVIET RESOLUTION

ON DETENTE WILL BE DISCUSSED WILL BEGIN FEB 19 P.M. MEETING.

US DEL HAS REACHED AGREEMENT WITH ALL WEO MEMBERS ON TEXT OF

US RESOLUTION ON CSCE. DEPENDING ON OUTCOME OF

WEO MEETINT AT NOON, FEB 19, AND SOVIET MOVES LATER IN DAY,

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IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR US DEL TO SUBMIT FORMALLY US TEXT.
END SUMMARY.

2. BRITISH AMENDMENTS TO SOVIET TEXT, AS TRANSMITTED EARLIER TO DEPARTMENT, HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENED TO SOME EXTENT, BUT NOT CONCERNING THE CRUCIAL OPERATIVE PARA 3 OF THE SOVIET TEXT. WHEN THE BRITISH INFORMALLY PASSED THESE AMENDMENTS TO THE SOVIETS, SOVIET REACTION WAS THAT THEY WERE QUOTE ROGHER UNQUOTE THAN NORMAL BRITISH DRAFTING AND REQUIRED POLISH. SOVIET REP ZORIN IS PRESSING THE NON-ALIGNED FOR SUPPORT ON HIS RESOLUTION. HIS PRIMARY TARGET, INDIA, STILL SEEMS RELUCTANT TO CARRY THE BALL EVEN IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATION. AFRICANS GENERALLY MAINTAIN SCEPTICISM ABOUT HRC INVOLVEMENT IN WHAT THEY SEE AS WEST-EAST DOCTRINAL DISPUTE.

3. WESTERN STRATEGY TO BE DECIDED AT WEO GROUP MEETING BEFORE P.M. SESSION. FRENCH REP JUVIGNY HAS REQUESTED PARIS FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO CO-SPONSOR US DRAFT. TEXT HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY AMENDED IN ORDER TO SATISFY POSITIONS OF OTHER WESTERN DELS. TEXT AS FINAL AGREED UPON WILL BE REPEATED AT END OF THIS MESSAGE.

4. ACTION ON THESE ISSUES HAS REACHED A CRUCIAL TACTICAL THRESHOLD. THE EXISTENCE OF TWO SEPARATE RESOLUTIONS AND THE LENGTHY WESTERN AMENDMENTS TO THE SOVIET DRAFT HAVE ALREADY MADE THIS A COMPLICATED ITEM. SOVIET ATTEMPT TO GET INDIA AND THE NON-ALIGNED INVOLVED MAKING THE OUTCOME EVEN LESS PREDICTABLE. IN ORDER TO HAVE MAXIMUM IMPACT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO SUBMIT US TEXT TO SECRETARIAT AS EARLY AS P.M. FEB 19 (GENEVA TIME).

5. TEXT FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT.

THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

RECALLING THE PLEDGE OF ALL MEMBERS AS RECORDED IN ARTICLES 55 AND 56 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER TO COOPERATE WITH THE U.N. IN THE PROMOTION OF UNIVERSAL RESPECT FOR AND OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS FOR ALL, WITHOUT DISTINCTION AS TO RACE, SEX, LANGUAGE, OR RELIGION,

RECALLING THAT THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION AFFIRMS THAT EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO ENJOY ALL THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS SET FORTH IN THE DECLARATION, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF ANY KIND, SUCH AS RACE, COLOUR, SEX, LANGUAGE, RELIGION, POLITICAL OR OTHER OPINION, NATIONAL OR SOCIAL ORIGIN, PROPERTY, BIRTH OR OTHER STATUS,

TAKING NOTE OF THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON
SEC-
URITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE WHICH WAS MARKED BY THE SIGNATURE
OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THAT CONFERENCE OF THE FINAL ACT, WHICH
RECOGNIZED THAT THE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREE-
DOMS, INCLUDING FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, RELIGION, OR BELIEF, IS A PRINCIPLE
OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE,

NOTING ESPECIALLY THAT THE DECLARATION ON PRINCIPLES GUIDING RE-
LATIONS BETWEEN PARTICIPATING STATES INCLUDED IN THE FINAL ACT
CONTAINS RENEWED PLEDGES BY THE SIGNATORIES OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING THE FREEDOM OF THOUGHT,
CONSCIENCE, RELIGION OR BELIEF,

CONVINCED THAT THE UNQUALIFIED MUTUAL FULFILLMENT OF THESE PLEDGES
WOULD ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NORMAL AND FRIENDLY
INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS,

DRAWING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THAT SECTION OF THE FINAL ACT
RELATING TO COOPERATION IN HUMANITARIAN AND OTHER FIELDS WHICH
RECORD
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THE DETERMINATION OF THE SIGNATORIES TO IMPLEMENT A NUMBER OF
UNDERTAK-

INGS RELATING TO HUMAN CONTACTS, THE SOLUTIONS OF HUMANITARIAN
PROBLEMS, INFORMATION, COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES IN THE FIELD OF
CULTURE, AND COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION,

CONVINCED THAT THE ACHIEVEMENTS RECORDED IN THE FINAL ACT OF
HELSINKI CONSTITUTE A SIGNIFICANT STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL
PROTECTIONS FOR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, AND
THAT THEIR IMPLEMENTATION WILL GREATLY ASSIST THIS COMMISSION
AND OTHER UNITED NATIONS ORGANS TO TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION TO PROMOTE
RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS,

CONVINCED AS WELL THAT UNDERSTANDINGS SUCH AS THAT EXEMPLIFIED BY
THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT CONTRIBUTE AN INDISPENSABLE FOUNDATION FOR
THE WORLDWIDE EFFORT TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS AND
FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS;

(1) WELCOMES THE CONCLUSION OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND THE
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HUMAN RIGHTS PROVISIONS INCLUDED IN THE DECLARATION ON PRINCIPLES
GUIDING RELATIONS BETWEEN PARTICIPATING STATES AS WELL AS THOSE
PROVISIONS RELATING TO COOPERATION IN HUMANITARIAN AND OTHER FIELDS,

(2) EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH UNDERSTANDINGS FOR THE
PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, IN CONFORMITY
WITH THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE U.N. AND
WITH THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS,

(3) REQUESTS STATES MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION TO REPORT TO THE
NEXT REGULAR SESSION ON THOSE INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES, REGIONAL OR
OTHERWISE, IN WHICH THEY PARTICIPATE RELATING TO THE PROTECTION AND

PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS,

(4) DECIDES THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THESE
REPORTS WHEN PREPARING ITS OWN PROGRAM OF WORK TO PROMOTE AND
ENCOURAGE HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS. END TEXT. DALE

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